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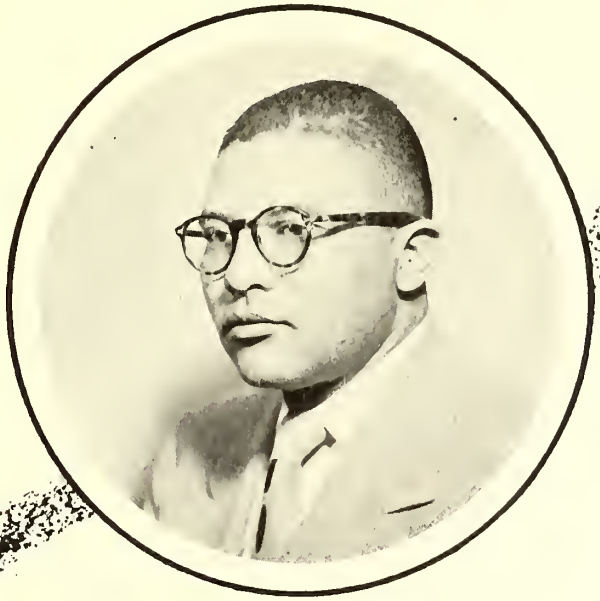
ALMA MATER - COAHOMA, COAHOMA
Words and Music by J. Orville Moseley

Coahoma, Coahoma, we kneel before thine altar,
In reverence, in homage, in consecration strong;
Upon the earth where'er we tread
We never will thy name degrade.
We challenge wrong with never any dread,
We shall not be afraid.
Coahoma, Coahoma, our aim is not to falter,
But to be brave in the good life to which we all belong.

Coahoma, Coahoma, our noble Alma Mater,
We laud thee, we hail thee, with never ending praise;
The fortune of our future lives
Will cast a ray of light on thee.
The shades of night will swiftly disappear with thoughts of
thee so near.
Coahoma, Coahoma, our beacon of tomorrow
We will always shout thy glory
Our Alma Mater dear.

# *Dedication*



For your faith in mankind which led to the establishment and development of the first Junior College in this area; for your keen interest and understanding of student needs and problems; for your untiring efforts in making it possible for many needy students to attend college; for your dynamic leadership; and for your high respect of individual personality, we the staff of "The Coahoman" in token of our appreciation, dedicate this 1956-57 Coahoman to you our devoted president, Benjamin F. McLaurin, educator and friend.

# *Foreword*

It is our sincere desire that this first edition of our college annual, "The Coahoman," serve as a reminder of the days at "good old Coahoma." We are endeavoring in this book to show through pictures and words the growth of Coahoma.

We wish to express our appreciation for the whole-hearted cooperation which the entire school has given us in this first publication.

The Annual Staff

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# Administration

Greetings!

It is my hope that the publication of this annual will reflect the highest, visionary and progressive guidance of Coahoma Junior College and that those who read it will be inspired by a faculty and staff who hold the keys of wisdom and the experiences of the world and wish to pass on to you the benefits of their attainments.

It is my hope that you will bring to your work and your daily life a sense of purpose and dedication that has characterized many of the graduates of Coahoma Junior College. This purpose kindled by vision and imagination, a burning desire to succeed, "God first, fellow man second, and yourself last," loyalty, efficiency and honesty. Presaged by these characteristics, we shall strive to keep the program at Coahoma Junior College alive, elastic, dynamic and progressive.

It is my hope, finally, that your greatest reward for the hours of labor put into this publication will be reflected in the joy of a job well done and that you have played a vital part in preserving the heritage of Coahoma Junior College.

Sincerely yours,

B. F. McLaurin,
President

# *Dean's Message*

As dean of the college, I wish to congratulate the 1957 editorial staff of "The Coahoman" and extend my best wishes for a successful publication.

The program of the college has been broadened to include certain general education courses. They are Chemistry, French, Art, Family Life Education, and additional courses in Biology, Literature, and Music.

These are pre-professional courses leading to further study in medicine, dentistry, law, social work, the ministry, and secondary education.

With the proper guidance we feel that the present offerings at Coahoma Junior College will make it possible for the graduates to move into many more areas of specialization than formerly.

I am proud of the fact that you have had a share in the development of the first state supported Junior College for Negroes.

Mary G. Whiteside

# *Principal's Message*

The Annual Staff in preparing this Yearbook has exemplified the initiative necessary to see a venture through to its successful conclusion. Through this endeavor, they have shown that they possess qualities which contribute to successful adjustment in life - courage and labor.

All of you will need these same traits if you are to succeed in life. The kind of courage required is the kind that can meet disappointment and yet keep on trying; the kind that greets each new day with a smile in spite of previous handicaps. Yes, the kind of courage to help neighbors, friends, and enemies when probably your aid will slow up your own progress.

Courage doesn't consist of making great effort and then giving up because that effort failed. The kind of courage needed is that which urges you on past barriers, enables you to bounce back after defeat, and can only be appeased through accepting a challenge that brings out the best in you.

Your teachers hope that you will be girded with traits necessary for accomplishment. For through courage and dignity in the pursuit of your labor, you can rise above any problem.

W. L. Tobias, Sr.

ZEE ANDERSON BARRON, M. A.
Director of Student Personnel
College English Instructor

JAMES E. MILLER, M. A.
Director of Public Relations
College English Instructor

CLEOPATRA DAUGHERTY, B.S.
Bookkeeper and Secretary to President

ETHEL V. DICKERSON, B.L.S.
College Librarian

# Faculty

JAMES ARGENT, M. A.
High School Music

EARLINE M. ANDERSON, A. A.
Elementary Department

SAMUEL L. BLACKBURN, B. S.
High School Mathematics

ROSIE M. BROWN, B. S.
Elementary Principal
First Grade, Teacher

JOSEPH E. CAIN, M. A.
Industrial Education

HETTIE S. CAIN, M. A.
Elementary Department

CONSUELLA CARTER, M. A.
Band Instructor

ARNOLD M. CHAMBERS, A. A.
Elementary Department

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Available

CHRISTINE J. CURRY, B. S.
Business Education

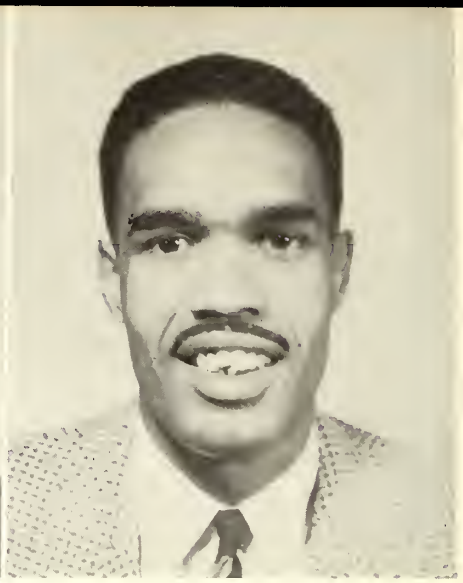
SAMUEL CRUMP, B. S.
High School Science
Coach

ANN CRUMP, B. S.
Elementary Department

CARRIE GARLAND, M. A.
High School English

IRMA M. GAMBRELL, B.S.
Home Economics

FRANK W. GAMBRELL, M.S.
College Science



JOHN GRIFFITH, B.S.
High School Social Science
Coach

LOIS D. HENDERSON, B.S.
Elementary Department

EDDIE MAE JACKSON, M.Ed.
High School English

JOHN A. JACKSON, M.S.
Horticulture - College
Mathematics

GERTIE KEYS, M. A.
Music and Social Science

M. RAYFORD KEYS, M. A.
College Science

FRANK McCUNE, M. S.
College Health and Physical Education

SEZZIE M. McLAURIN, M. A.
Home Economics

EVA OLIVE
Dormitory Supervisor

SAMUEL T. PEYTON, B. S.
Agricultural Education

SALLIE A. REDMOND, M. S.
Health Education

OTHA ROBERTS, A. B.
High School Social Science

ROBBIE THOMAS, B. S.
Elementary Department

LILLIAN TOBIAS, M. A.
Elementary Department

MARIE Y. WARE, Mus. B.
College Music and Choir

MARY LOU WHITE, B. S.
Library Assistant

BONNIE WHITE, A.B.
Elementary Department

W. JAMES WHITE, A.B.
Industrial Education

B. O. WILCOX, M.A.
College Social Science

EARNESTINE FLOWERS
Cafeteria Worker

LEE FLOWERS
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

*Not Shown*

Coahoma graduates, Melvin Harris, Ruth Barrett, Chrysteen Winfrey and Charles Crump leaving the College Building after their final examination at C. J. C. in 1954.

# Sophomores

ELLA ZEE ANDERSON
EVELYN BALLARD

BARBARA BAUGH
GUY BAXSTRUM

WILLIE C. BELL
MAXINE BERRY

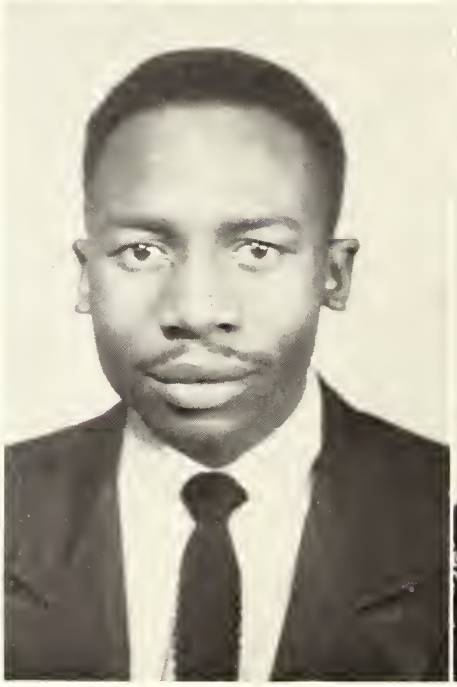
IRENE BRAXTON
CHARLEY BULLOCK

PAUL CROWTHER
MARY CROWTHER

ODIE CROSS
MAXINE COLE

ADDIE DENNIS
CORNELIOUS DOUGLAS

JESSIE D. DIXON
YVONNE FLAKES



EFFIE FLOWERS
W. C. FRANKLIN

BENNIE GOODEN
IRENE GILBERT

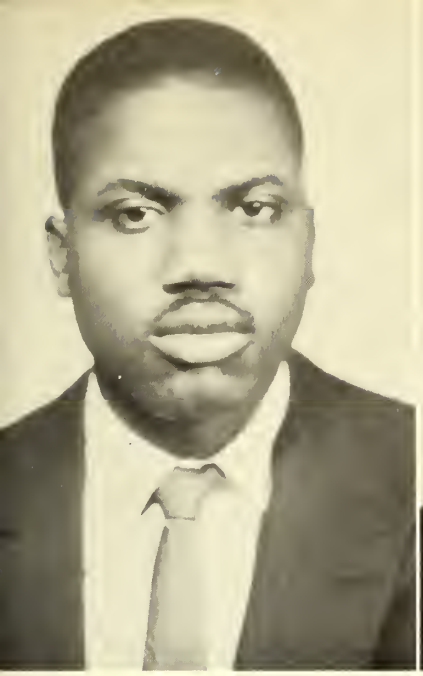
WILLIE GRIZELL
RUTH GREGORY

LILLIE HAMILTON
FREDDYE HARDY

JAMES HATLEY
KATHERINE HAYES

CORINE HEBRON
LACY HENDERSON

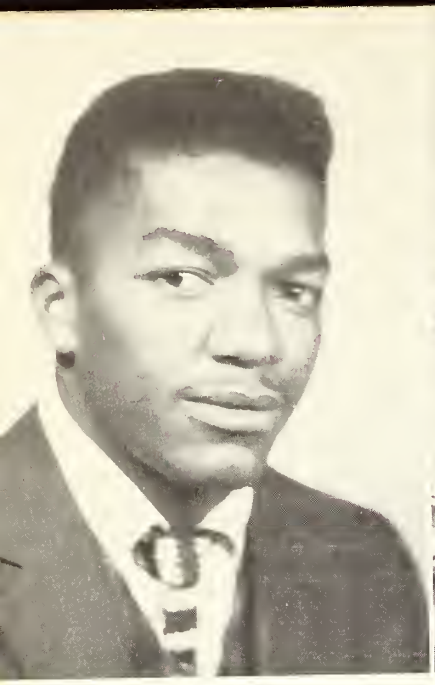
EXIE M. HERRING
BIRDA HOWELL



HUDSON HUBBARD
MILDRED HUBBARD

EDNA JAMES
PRENTICE JAMES

HERSEL JONES
DOROTHY KIMBLE



JAMES LAWERENCE
CAROLYN LAWS

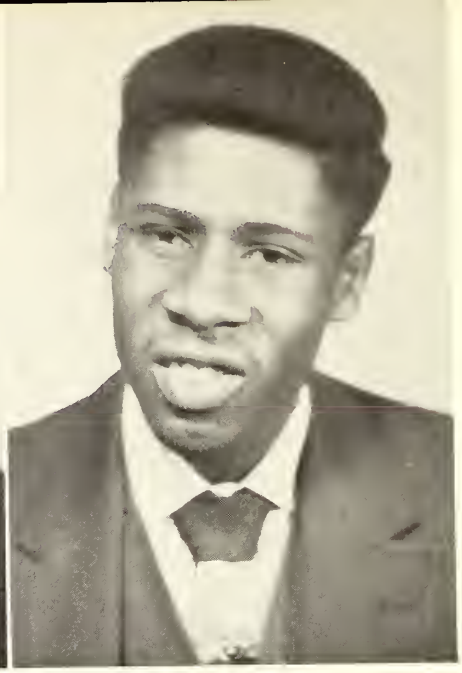
JAMES LLOYD
CORINE LLOYD

ARZELL MARSHALL
FREDA MERCHANT

MOZELLA MEDLOCK
LORETTA MOORE

NORMAN McFARLAND
ROBBIE McLAURIN

CHRISTINE MORRIS
ARMAND ODOM



FRANCES PATTERSON
EUGENE PATTON

MARVA PERRY
EDWARD PICKETT

NEOMIA PITTMAN
JESSIE RANDLE

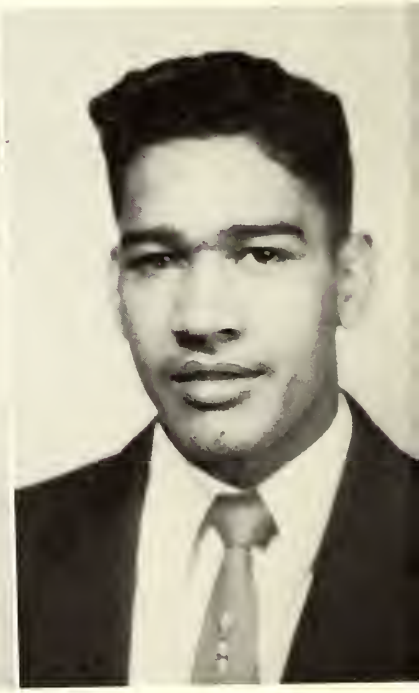
BILL REED
MATTIE RICHARDSON

MELVIN RILEY
BERTHA RILEY

DAVID ROBERSON
ELAINE ROBINSON

DOROTHY SHARKEY
CHARLES SLAN

SHIRLEY SMITH
WILLE SMITH



ALPHONSO SPELLS
EULA SPILLER

PRINCE STEPHEN
KATIE THOMAS

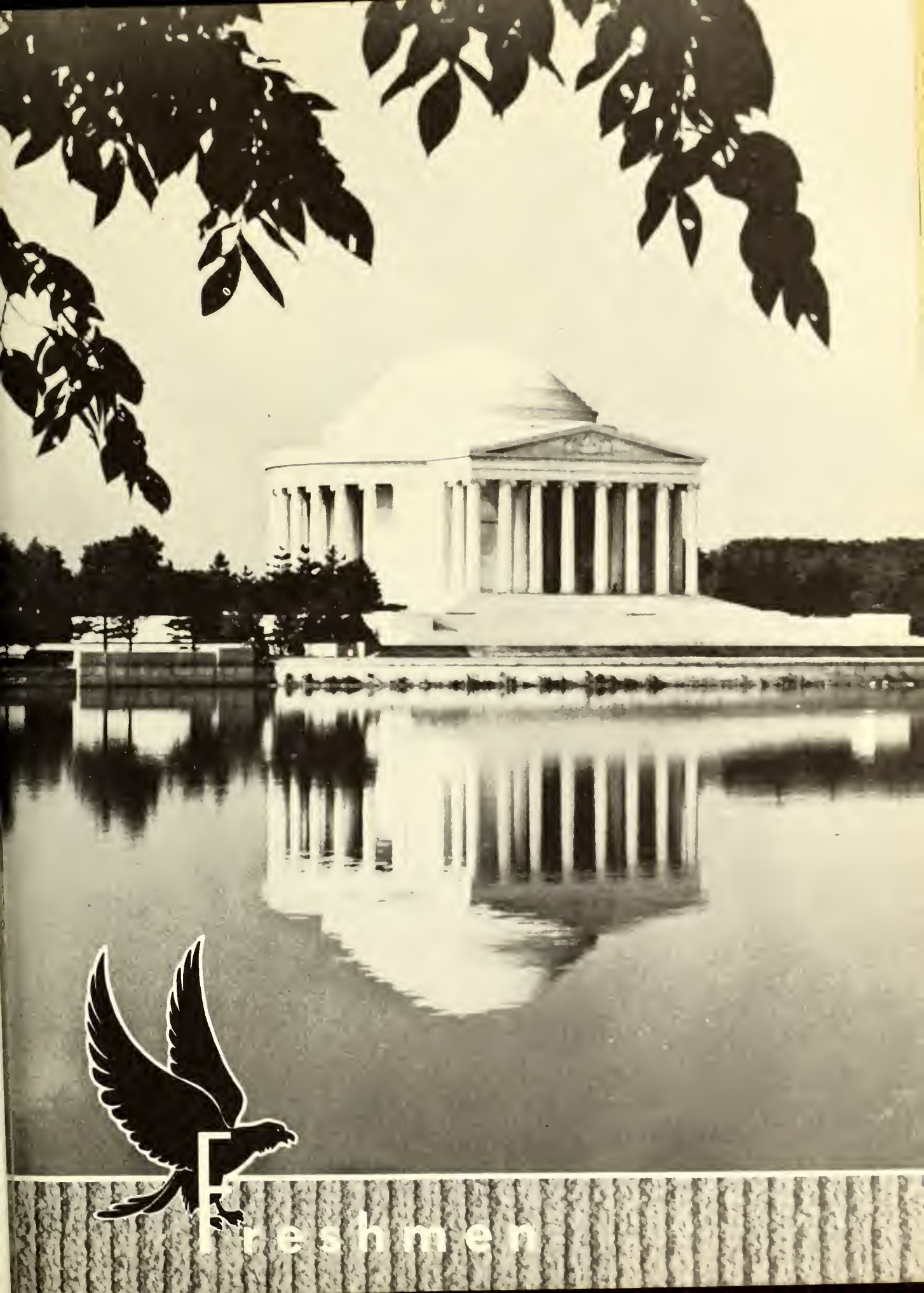
EUGENE TODD
JOHN TRAMMELL

EDWARD TRIPLETT
SIDNEY WALLACE

LILLIAN WALKER
DOROTHY WARDLAW

CHARLESETTA WATTS
JULIUS P. WATTS, JR.

PEGGY WATTS
RAYMOND WILLIAMS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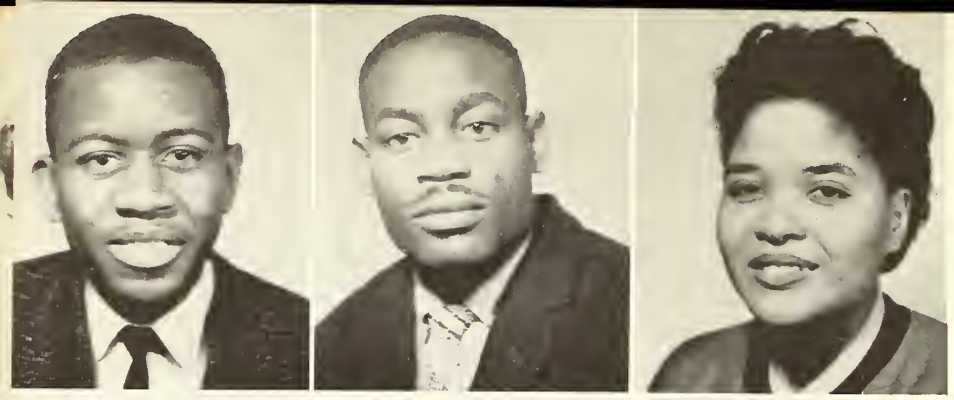


Frank Bluntson
President
Chambers Smith
Vice President
Jean Dupree
Secretary

Joe Louise Brown
Assistant Secretary
L. C. Mitchell
Treasurer
Edgar McKnight
Business Manager

Glenella Acles
Elnora Adams
Everett Allen

Verdean Allen
Ethel Archer
Saul Austin, Jr.

Arthur Barnes
Julia Barnette
Fred Bell

Christine Bender
Velma Bradfield
Frank Braugher

Louise Braxton
Willie Brownlee
Sarah Bell

Marie Cannon
Henry Clay
Alma Cole

Martha Coleman
Ossie Lee Cotton
Taylor Cotton, Jr.

Elnora Cox
Robert Crawford
Lillie Davis

Virginia Dowden
Willie Mae Edwards
Eddie L. Fant

Minnie Pearl Ford
Alice Foster
Lawrence Furdge

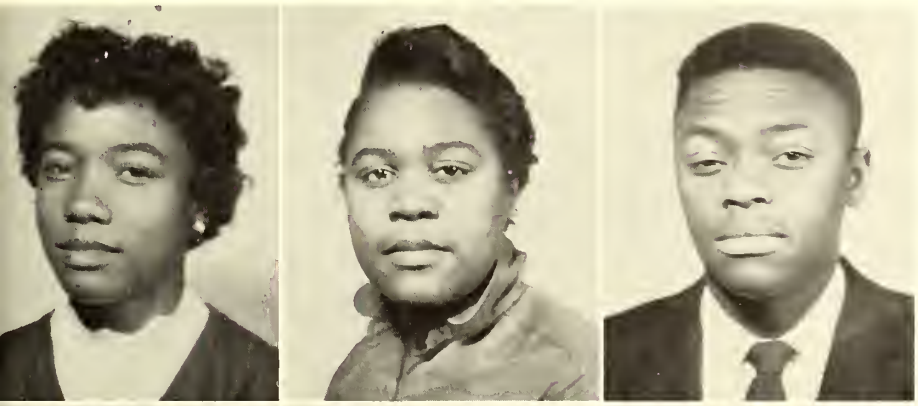
Joyce Gosa
Kay Grace
Arnold Harris

Jean Harris
Johnnie Harris
Marvin Harris

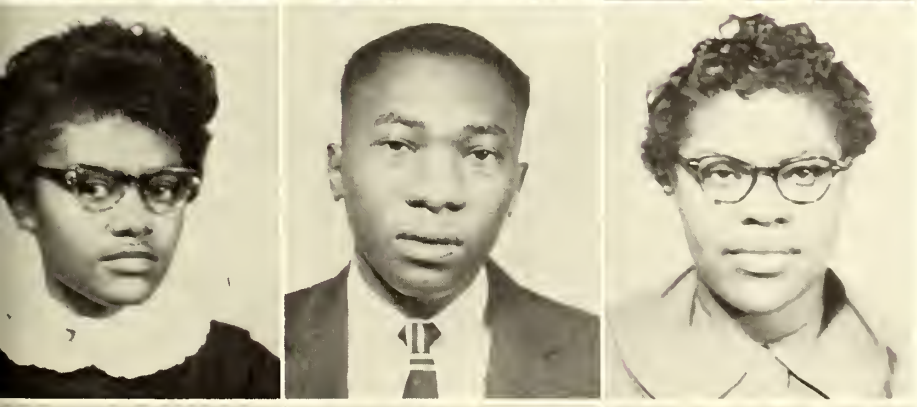
Simpson Harris
Elouise Hatchett
Bessie Hawkins

Doretha Haynes
Tobia Hicks
Christine Hollins

Andrew Jackson
Mae Catherine Jackson
Ward Jackson



Jessie Mildred James
Glenn Aubin Jones
Samuel Jordan



Mary Alice Kearney
John W. Keys
Quince Ella Kidd

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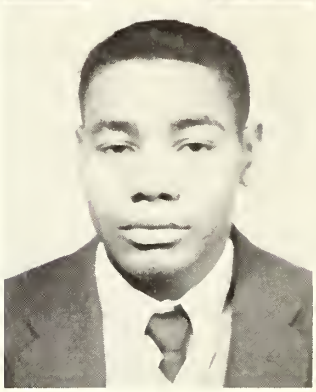
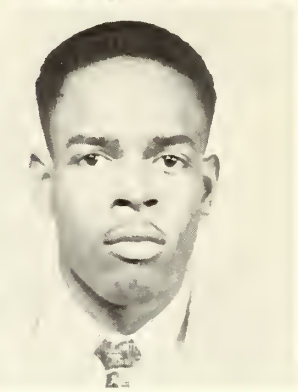
Myrtle Lee
Anderson Leonard

L. B. Leonard
Neadie Lewers
Peggy Lloyd

Matthew Maiden
George Tillman Crump
James Morris

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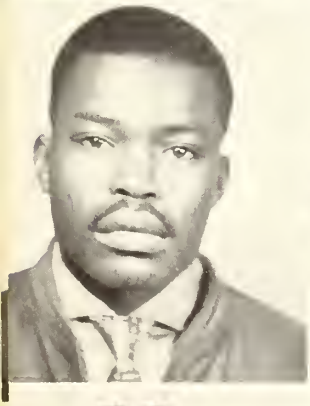
Laura Pickett



Lockett Phillips
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Earnestine Pollard

Barbara Rankin
Mary Ratliff
Yvonne Rich

Annabelle Richard
Lloyd Robinson
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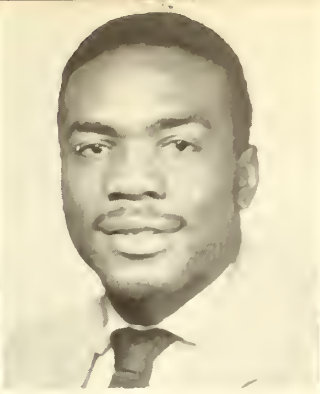

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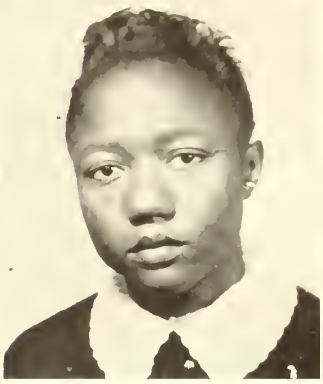

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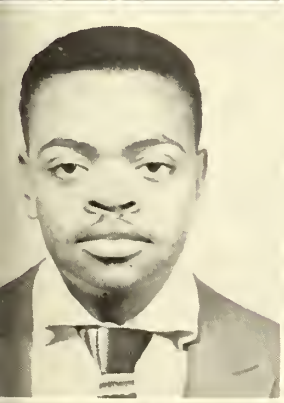
John Smith



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Hattie Bell Thomas

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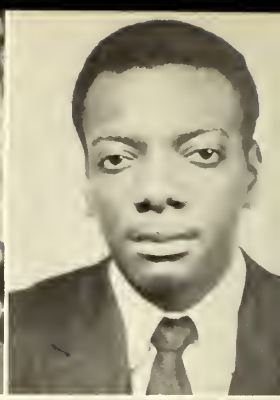
Margaret Veals
Leonard Venson



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Pearlie Watson

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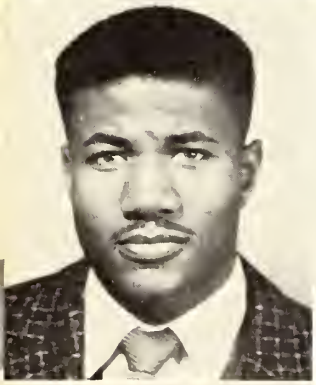
Mildred Wells
Christine Drinkwater Wheeler



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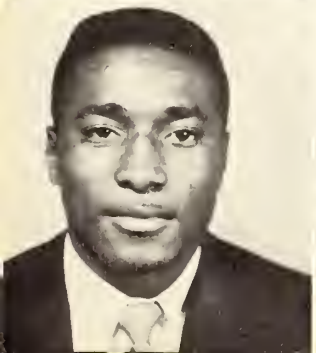
Dorothy Williams
James Wilson



Roland Winn
Robert White
George Young

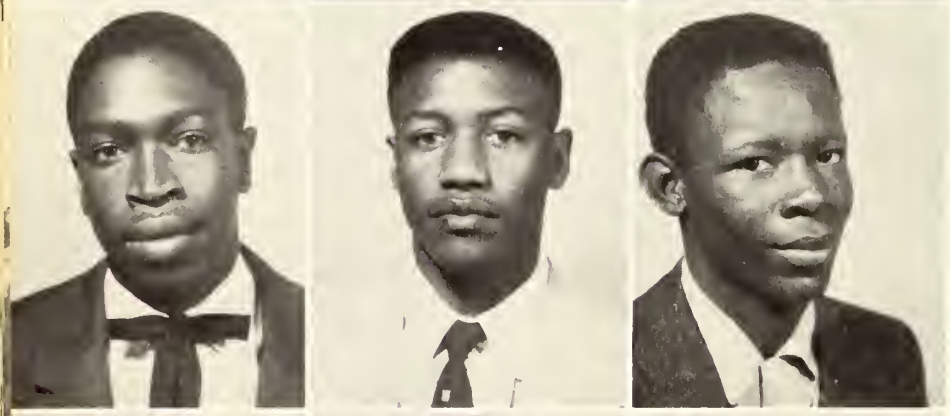
# Underclassmen

# Seniors

FRANK BOOKER
President
SAMUEL TORRENCE
Vice President
SHIRLEY COLLIER
Secretary

IRENE GRAVES
Assistant Secretary
LINNIE MITCHELL
Treasurer
HENRY POSEY
Business Manager

NEWTON B. BILLUPS
EVELYN BULLOCK
JOSEPH FOSTER



ROOSEVELT FURDGE
LACY KENNEDY
WILLIE PAYNE, JR.

ANNIE R. SHIVERS
SHIRLEY THOMAS
REBA SATTERFIELD

ALBERTA BLEDSOE
JOHN BORDERS
WILLIE MAE DODD

VERA LEE GENUS
RUTHIE M. GOODS
INDIANA JONES

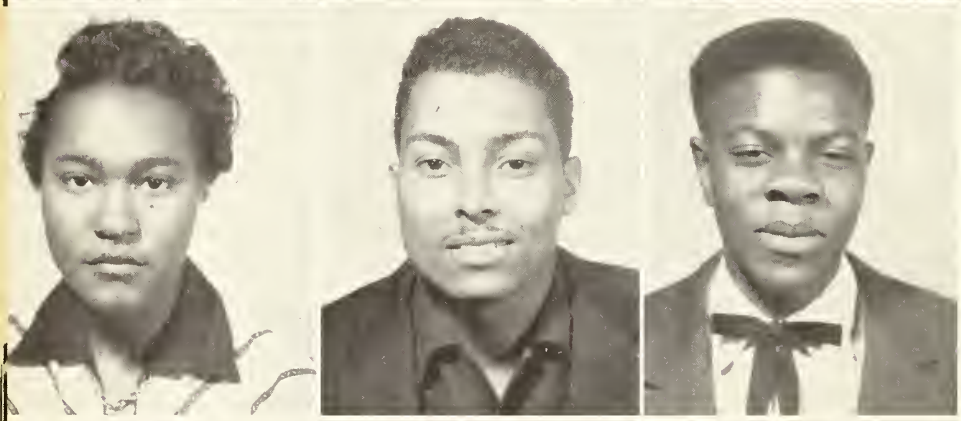
RUTHIE MAE JONES
CLAUDETTE MATHENY
DOROTHY NORWOOD

JAMES SHELBY
ORA DELL SHIELDS
ESSIE TRIBBLE

JOHNNY WASHINGTON
SADIE WILKINS
DOROTHY M. YOUNG

MARY ALLISON
MARGARETTE BROWN
JUANITA BROOKS

ZOLA BURRELL
LEDORA COOPER
OLLIVETTE CUNNINGHAM



DORA LEE DAVIS
JAMES DODSON
FREDDIE HAYNES

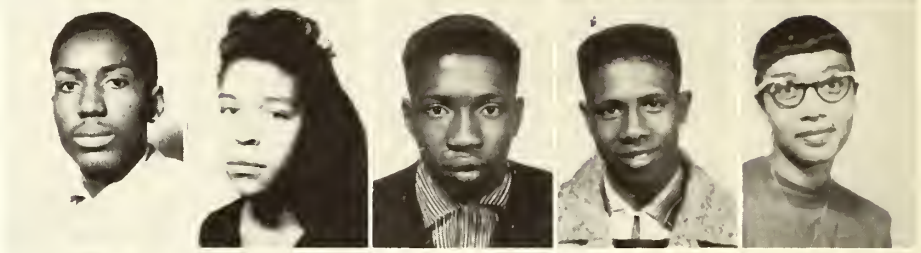
SHIRLEY NEAL
ARTICHELY SMITH
JOSEPHINE SMITH

BEULAH STANFORD
ODESTER WHITE
EVA M. YATES

# Juniors

ADDIE YOUNG
BOBBIE McKINELY
LILLIE NEAL
WILBERT BRADFORD
MAXINE FLOWERS

ARTHUR WILLIAMS
CHARLETTE JOHNSON
ALRIDGE SHELLY
WILLIAM LEE JOHNSON
DORIS TURNER



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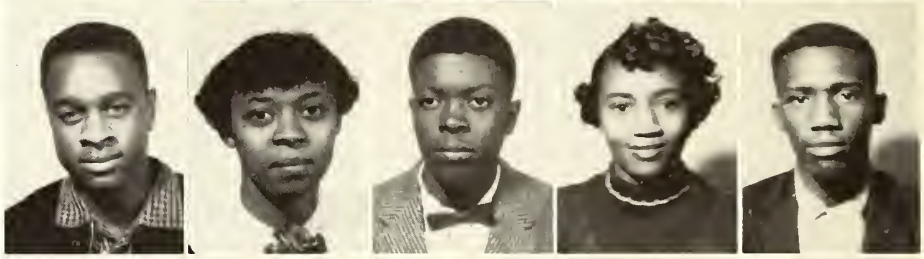
JAMES McLAUGHLIN
RUBY WASHINGTON
WILLIE WASHINGTON



EMANUEL GHOLSTON
PETER PRICE
ADDIE BOBO
VELMA LITTLE
ROBERT EPPS

JACK CHASE
DAVID ROACH
TEOLA WRIGHT
LIDA KEMP
ERMA J. HUNT

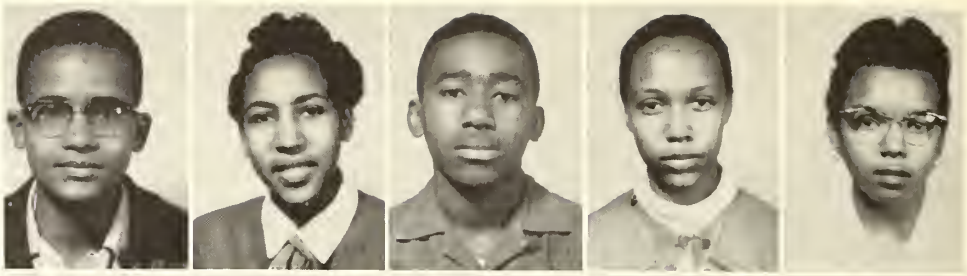
VELMA HARRIS
GEORGIA KEMP
LUCY HENDERSON
ALBERTHA LUMPKIN
RODESSA HAYNES

ROMONIA FORD
ORA McCOOL
RUBY MARTIN
ADDIE TAYLOR
WILLIE SCOTT

ANNIE MAE TRIBBLE
MELINDA ARNOLD

# Sophomores

B. F. McLaurin, Jr.
Bernice Flemming
Frank McCune, Jr.
Lillie Collins
Annie Chase



Viola Stewart
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Dorothy Wilson
Lucille Tigue
Robert Miles

Rosella Lee
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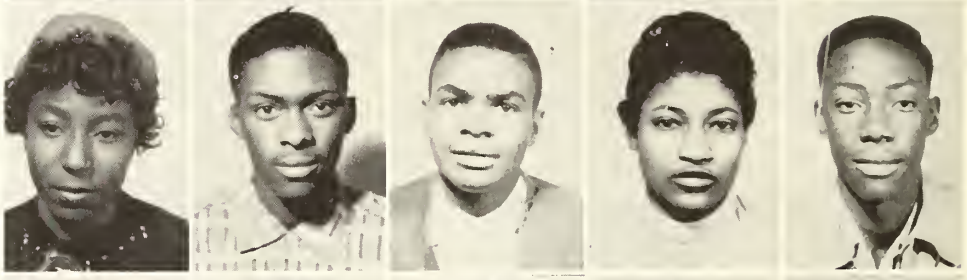
Arthur Wilson
Daisy Yates
McClinton Jordan



Verna Kemp
Carnenna Smith
Mildred Burrell
Bertha Jackson
Katherine Starks

Cleotha Genus
Alexander Parker
Raymond Satterfield
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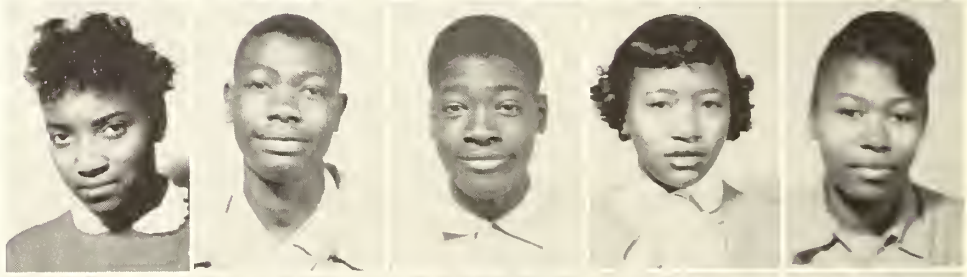
Margre Collins



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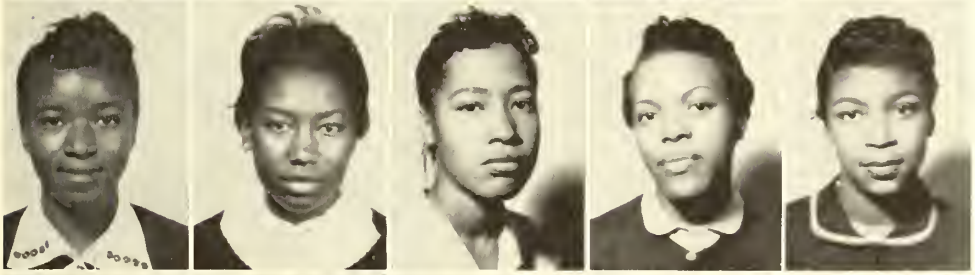

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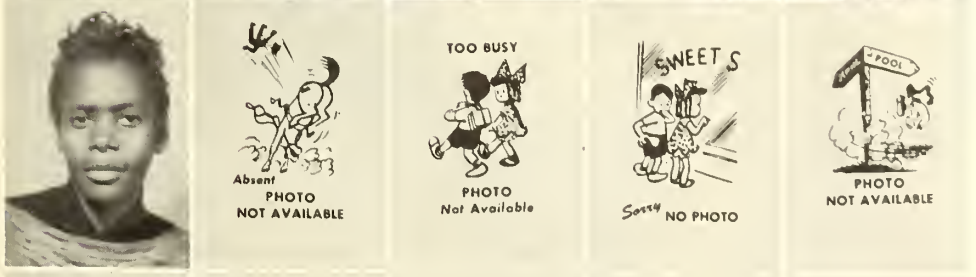


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# Freshmen

# *Ninth Grade*

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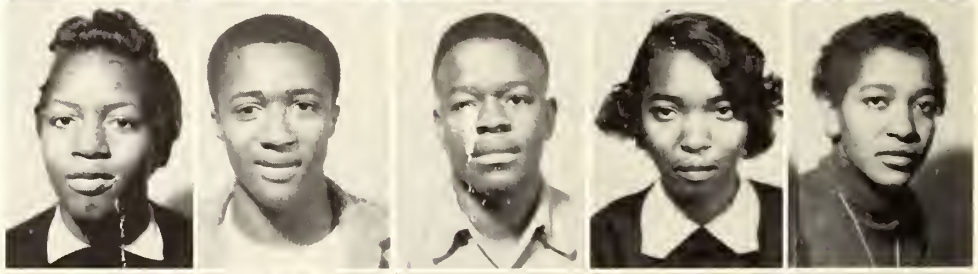

Henry Ford
Leotha Henson
Beatrice Johnson
Corneluis Driver

*Elementary Children at Lunch*

*Campus Scene*

Showing
Group of 1956 College Sophomores

# Elementary

*First Grade*

ROSA M. BROWN, Instructor

*Second Grade*

ARNOLD CHAMBERS and ANNIE M. CRUMP, Instructors

*Third Grade*

BONNIE WHITE, Instructor

*Fourth Grade*

LILLIAN B. TOBIAS, Instructor

*Fifth and Sixth Grades*

HETTYE S. CAIN and ROBBYE L. THOMAS, Instructors

*Seventh and Eighth Grades*

LOIS D. HENDERSON, Instructor

# Organizations

# *Student Council*

President
BENNIE STONE GOODEN

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Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ODESTER WHITE
Assistant Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - JESSIE M. JAMES
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - DAVID ROBERTSON
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - FRANK BOOKER
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - JOHNNY McLAUGHLIN

Advisors

| College | High School |
|---|---|
| MRS. ZEE A. BARRON | MR. S. L. BLACKBURN |

Standing, left to right: Dorothy Wilson, Prince Stephens, Frank Booker, Raymond Williams, David Robertson, Frank Braugher, Johnny McLaughlin, Wilbert Jefferson, and Lola Drake. Seated: Odester White, Frank Blunston, Bennie Stone Gooden, Jessie M. James, Rodell Carter, Mrs. Zee A. Barron and Mr. S. L. Blackburn. Samuel L. Torrence not shown.

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*College Biology Class*

*High School Biology Class*

*Driver Education Class*

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*Combined Choirs*

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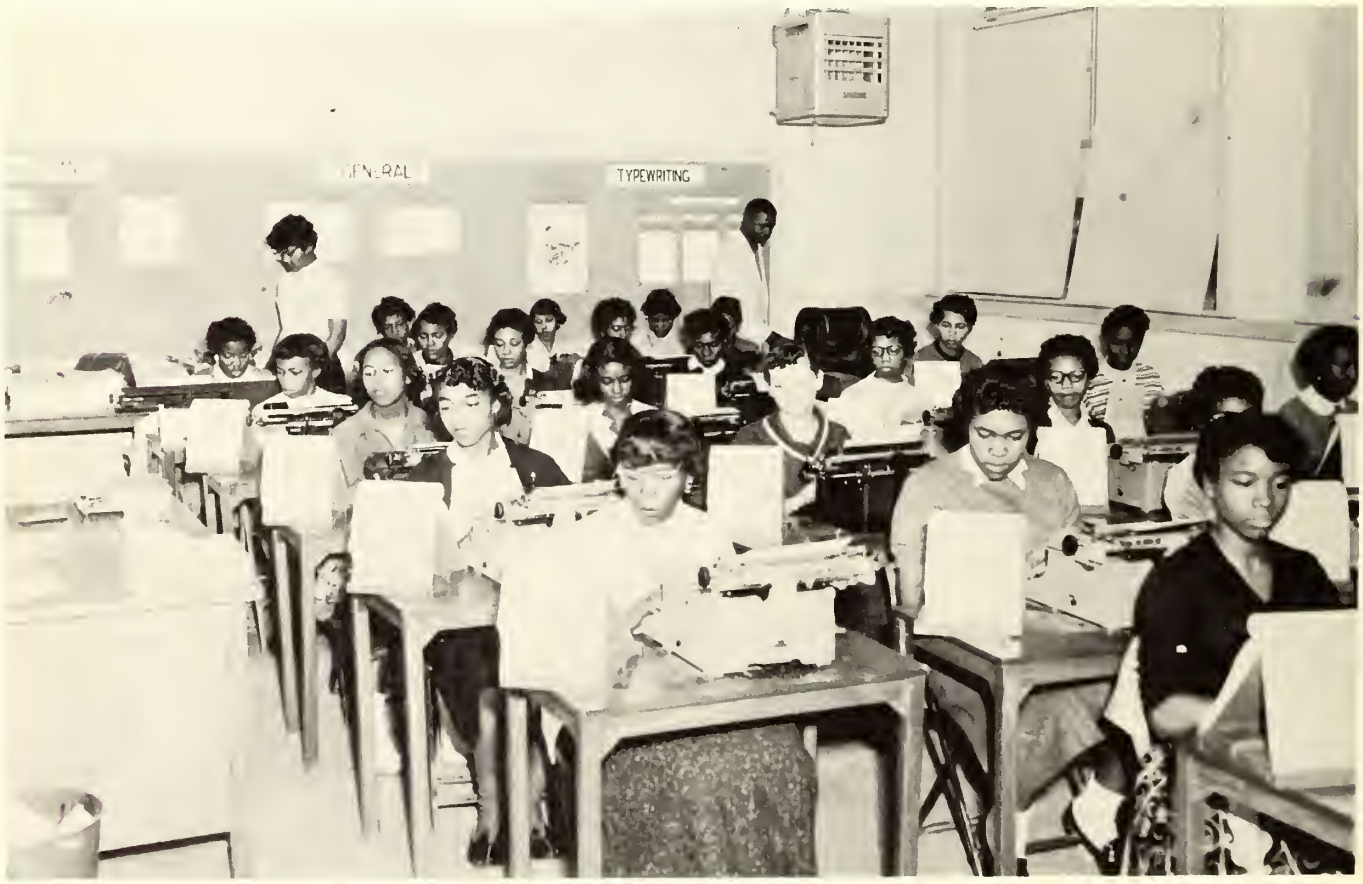
*Varsity Players—Play Rehearsal*

*C. J. C. and A. H. S. Band*

*Majorettes*

*Group Reading in College Library*

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Ollivette Cunningham - Assistant Secretary

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Dora L. Davis - - - - - - - - - - Chaplain
Earline M. Anderson - - - - - - - -Advisor

## *Y.M.C.A.*

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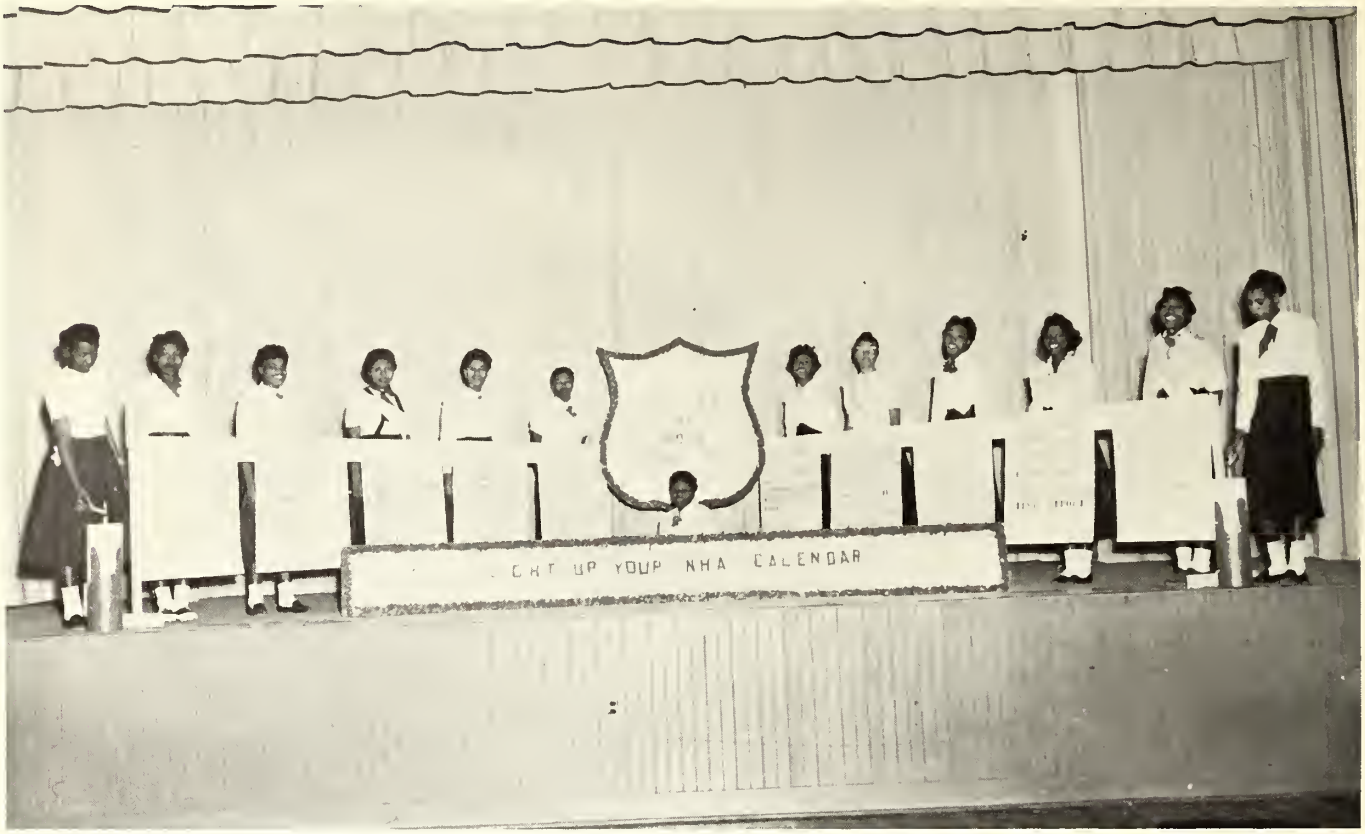
Eugene Todd - - - - - - - - Vice President
Raymond Williams - - - - - - - -Secretary

Norman McFarland - - -Assistant Secretary
Roland Winn - - - - - - - - - - - Treasurer
Chambers Smith - - - - -Business Manager

Frank McCune, Advisor




## *Local N. H. A. Chapter Representatives in District Meeting*

Ester Harris, Vice President
Doris Turner, Secretary

N. H. A. Officers
Lola Drake, President

Robbie Shelton, Assistant Secretary
Lillie Jean Neal, Treasurer

## *N. F. A. Officers*

Reading from left to right: Freddie Pettis, Reporter; Albert Ray, Vice President; Rodell Carter, President; Steve Zanders, Jr., Secretary; Lawrence Bryant, Treasurer. Not shown: S. T. Peyton, Advisor.

*Clothing Laboratory*

*Foods Laboratory*

*High School Class in Farm Mechanics*

*Adult Class in Farm Mechanics*

*Class in Carpentry*

*Carpentry Class Building Teachers' Cottage*

*Class in Brick Masonry*

*School Cafeteria Built by Students*

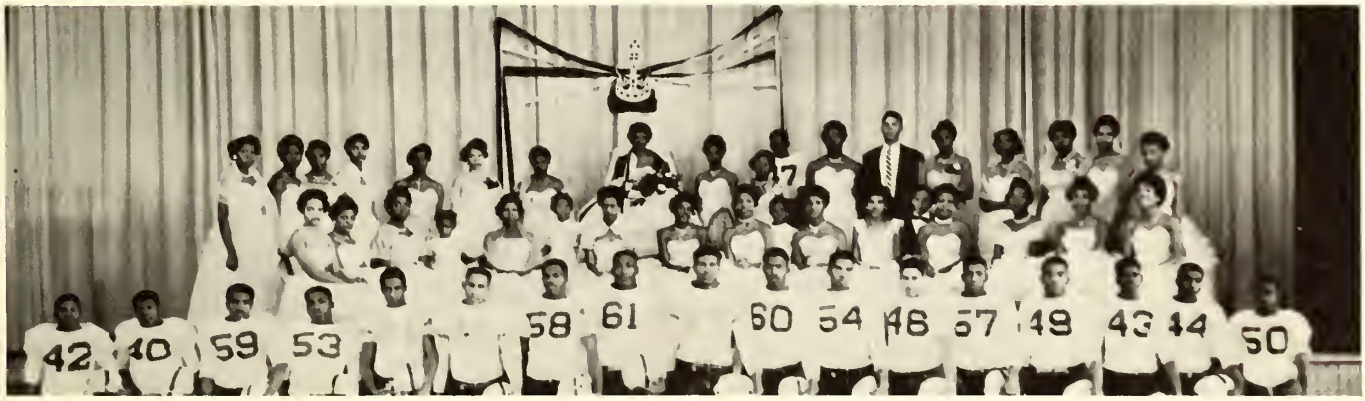
# Activities

# *1956 Homecoming Queen*

EVERETTE ALLEN
College Freshman

*Queen and Her Court*

*Queen and Her Team*



*Annual Staff Sweetheart*

CAROLYN LAWS
College Sophomore
Charleston, Mississippi

*Veterans' Ed. Class*

Viewing an Educational Film

*Elementary Playground Group*

*The Gay Notes*

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Director Carter
Instructing
Johnnie "Shag" Johnson

Drum Section

Brass Section

Trumpet Section

Director Carter and Hornell Hart Hearn

Brass Section - Flowers and Hughes

Brass Section - McCune and Love

Clarinet Section

# Athletics

*1956 Football Team*

*Boys' Basketball Team*

*Girls' Basketball Team*

ADDIE DENNIS

Forward

IRENE BRAXTON

Forward

MILDRED HUBBARD

Center

LORETTA MOORE

Guard

PEGGY WATTS

Forward

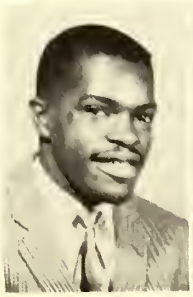
RUTH GREGORY
"Captain"
Guard

EDNA JAMES
Guard
"Co-Captain"

ARMOND ODOM
"Captain"
Center

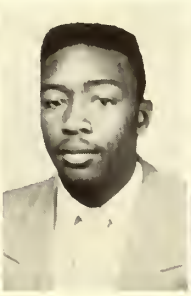
PRINCE STEPHENS
"Co-Captain"
Guard

JULIUS WATTS



Center

NORMAN McFARLAND



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PRENTICE JAMES

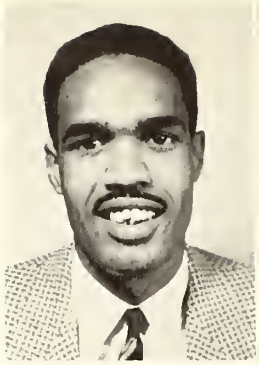
Forward

ALPHONSO SPELLS

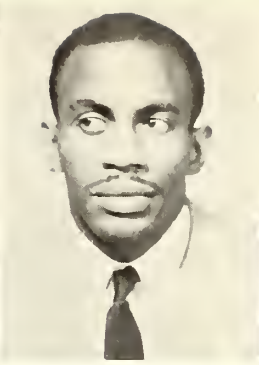
Guard

DAVID ROBERTSON

Guard



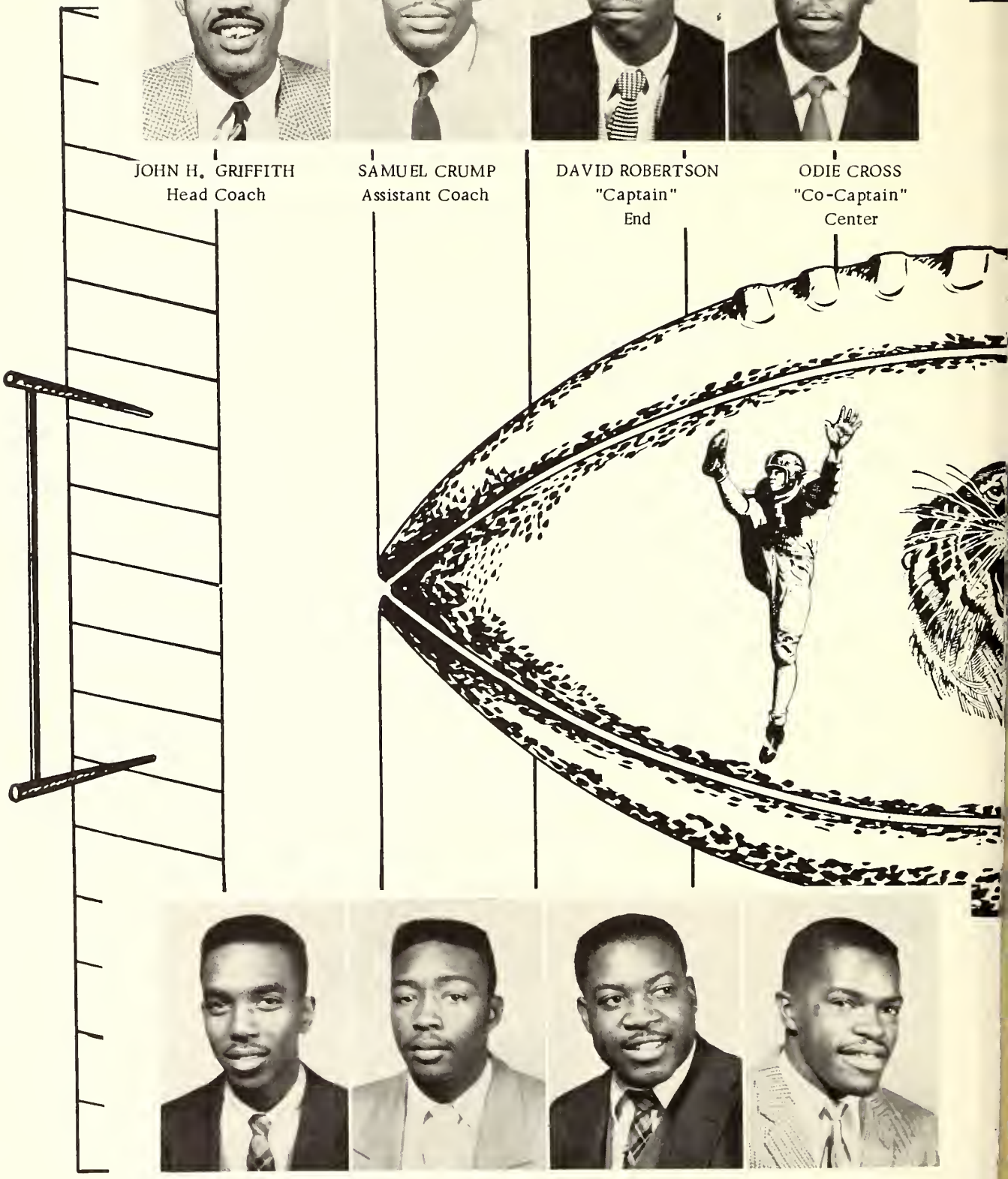
JOHN H. GRIFFITH
Head Coach



SAMUEL CRUMP
Assistant Coach

DAVID ROBERTSON
"Captain"
End

ODIE CROSS
"Co-Captain"
Center





HOWARD TRIPLETT
Halfback



NORMAN McFARLAND
End

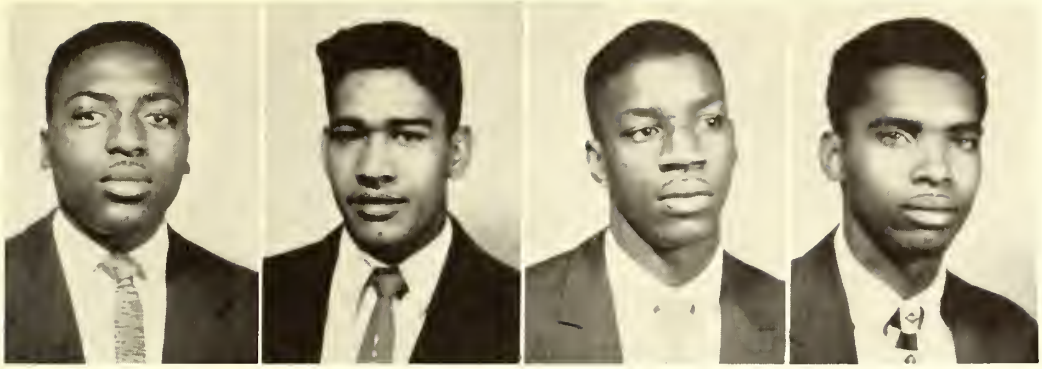


CHARLES SLAN
Fullback



JULIUS WATTS
End

# *Tigers Nearing End of Trail*

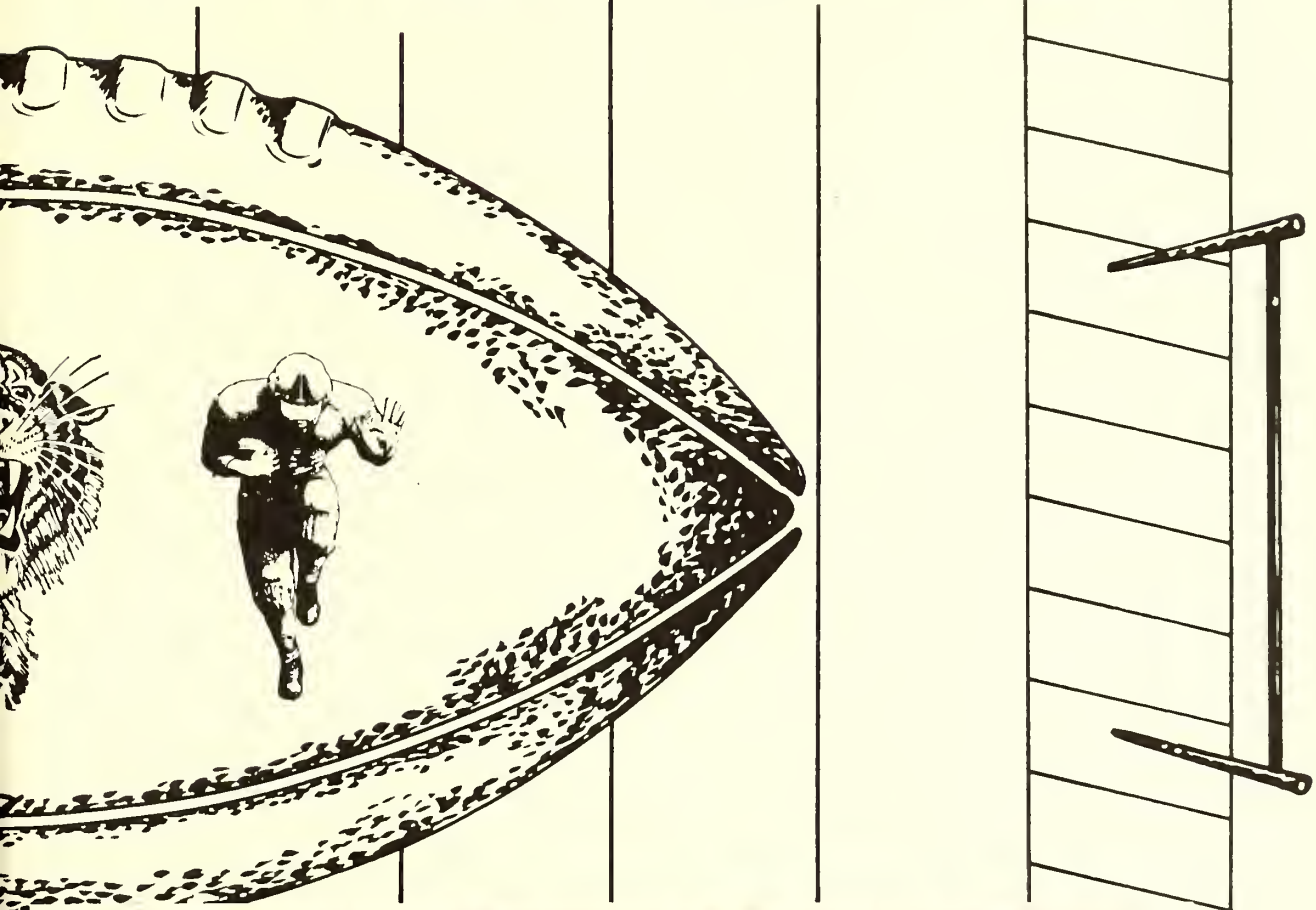


WILLIE C. BELL
Guard

WILLIE SMITH
Halfback

EDDIE PICKETT
Tackle

CORNELIUS DOUGLAS
End



JAMES LAWRENCE
Guard

PRENTICE JAMES
Tackle

EUGENE TODD
Tackle

WILLIE GRIZZELL
Quarterback

*Tigers Nearing End of Trail*

*Softball*

*Volleyball*

*Coaches and Football Captains*

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PRENTICE JAMES - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Business Manager
GENE TODD - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Chaplain
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